GLEN PARK ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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NEXT GPA MEETING

Monday April 17, 1978 7:30 sharp

Glen Park Recreation Center
Elk & Chenery Streets

April Agenda

1. The "Plan" for Golden Gate Park with slides.
2. A Visit with Captain Cassidy of Ingleside Station.
3. By-Laws Vote
4. Vote on participation in the District Nine Community Council.
5. Distribute "Fundraiser" tickets to begin ticket sales.

Eye on the Supe

A Personal Commentary by
Ruth Gravanis

The Glen Park Association's first communication from District Nine Supervisor Lee Dolson's office was a press release about the first meeting of the Advisory Council he was forming. It stated that the meeting had included people "from every part of the District", but in fact no one from Glen Park had been invited. When Eileen Wing, the Supervisor's Administrative Assistant, was asked who had represented Glen Park, she named Bernie Kelly. I phoned Ms. Wing to inquire whether Mr. Kelly was able to express the needs of Glen Park residents to the Supervisor since he does not live in District Nine, and whether there was a chance that a Glen Park resident might be able to participate on the Council. In a tone that implied that I had overstepped my bounds, Ms. Wing told me that the Supervisor could choose whomever he wanted.

When Dolson himself was asked the same question at the March meeting of the GPA Board of Directors, he responded that Mr. Kelly had helped him during his campaign and that "you can't cash losing chips at winning windows." A bit later at the same get-together, a meeting/social event generously hosted by Dolores Tighe, Dolson said that Kelly was not on the Advisory Council as a representative of Glen Park and that Kelly had never discussed "Glen Park Center" with him. Dolson also said that he

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Glenridge Fair

It's time for the annual Spring Fair in beautiful Glen Canyon Park. The Glenridge Co-operative Nursery School, which was located in the Canyon before it was vandalized for the third time in as many months last week, will be sponsoring its 8th annual fair on Sunday, April 30, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Revenue from the fair is the main source of funds which keeps Glenridge Co-op going and this year, as always, the event is crucial to the survival of this non-profit, non-sectarian nursery school, especially in light of the virtual destruction of its building.

On December 26, vandals broke into the Silvertree building and burned the ground floor which housed Glenridge. Thirty minutes later, almost $8,000 of library materials, records, toys and equipment were destroyed. Estimated damage to the building was $25,000. Two weekends ago, vandals again broke into the building and caused further damage.

As in the past, live music, games, food and arts and crafts will make for a great day in our lovely park. Admission is free.

Supervisor continued

would welcome a representative from the Association on his Advisory Council and that he would ask Lou Jackson, Chair of the Council, to call GPA President, Steve La Plante.

At the same Board meeting, many other important issues were brought to the Supervisor's attention -- vandalism in the park, inadequate service from the Recreation and Parks Dept., a need for jitneys or smaller buses on our steep, narrow streets, the inexcusable delay in receiving our Bicentennial Award, airport noise, and more. We asked for Dolson's help, and he explained that it is unethical for the supervisors to direct an order or even give a strong suggestion to a City employee or Department, but that their influence comes from their "power of inquiry". Dolson offered to send appropriate letters of inquiry on behalf of the GPA if the Board sends him letters detailing the problems to be investigated. He also offered to set up a meeting with Recreation and Park Manager Jack Spring and one with the union drivers who might oppose jitneys in Glen Park.

Supervisor Dolson's reaction to the District Nine Community Council was baffling. The Council, not to be confused with Dolson's own Advisory Council, was formed by leaders of neighborhood and merchants' organizations throughout District Nine. Its purposes are to further communication and unite those organizations and to convey information to and from the district supervisor and other officials. Dolson has been invited to every meeting of the Council and has not attended any. He told the GPA Board that he didn't approve of the Council partly because of the people who were behind it. But most of the participating organizations are from areas that voted for Dolson. Later, Dolson told me that he would attend the next meeting of the Council. This step will be important toward his becoming a responsive, representative supervisor.

Frankly, I was disappointed with Lee Dolson's appearance at the GPA General Meeting on March 20. True, it was an inconvenience for him to rush to Glen Park from City Hall on a two-hour dinner break from the Board of Supervisors meeting. But Dolson had promised to attend, knowing that the members wanted to hear about his legislative plans and to ask questions and air their problems. To limit the questions to three was to cheat us. The presentation of the certificate was a nice gesture, but its purpose was suspect, and it took away valuable time from the Question and Answer session for which many people had specifically come.

On the positive side, I was impressed with the Supervisor's performance at the March 30th General Meeting of the Diamond Heights Community Association. Dolson was very fair in present- the opposition of Glen Park residents to a bus route change desired by many Diamond Heights residents. Both Dolson and District Five Supervisor Harvey Milk said they would try for a grant for smaller buses for the hilly areas.

Here's a puzzler -- At a recent meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Lee Dolson moved to sever Nancy Walker's name from a list of candidates recommended by the Rules Committee to serve on the S.F. Sub-Area Council of the West Bay Health Systems Agency. Walker, President of the Bernal Heights Association, has had experience with the Agency and is certainly well-qualified for the position. Dolson offered no reason for severing her name. His motion passed, 7 to 4, at the April 3rd Board meeting. The Board never asked Dolson for an explanation. If there is a reason, why wasn't it stated publicly? Is it simply an exaggerated case of "You can't cash losing chips at winning windows"? (Nancy Walker had campaigned for a different supervisorial candidate.) Or are deeper political mysteries involved? And what can be said about the Board as a whole when it passes a motion without mentioning reasons?

NEW FORMAT

Plans for the expanded Glen Park newspaper are proceeding on schedule with the new publication date slated for June. The itinerary calls for three autonomous departments within the total structure--editorial, art production and advertising. However, we are still in need of good editors and proofreaders, layout and graphic persons and two low-keyed but assertive ad people.

We will always be seeking writers and photographers but we have a particular need for a well-versed political writer. We want poetry, fiction, cartoons, a person to write about our older residents and someone -- preferably a youngster -- to cover the kid scene.

We have the energy and expertise to make the Glen Park newspaper a well-informed and documented journal with an upbeat and broad spectrum. We have an opportunity to make it one of the finest neighborhood publications in the City. We need you. We want your help and input.

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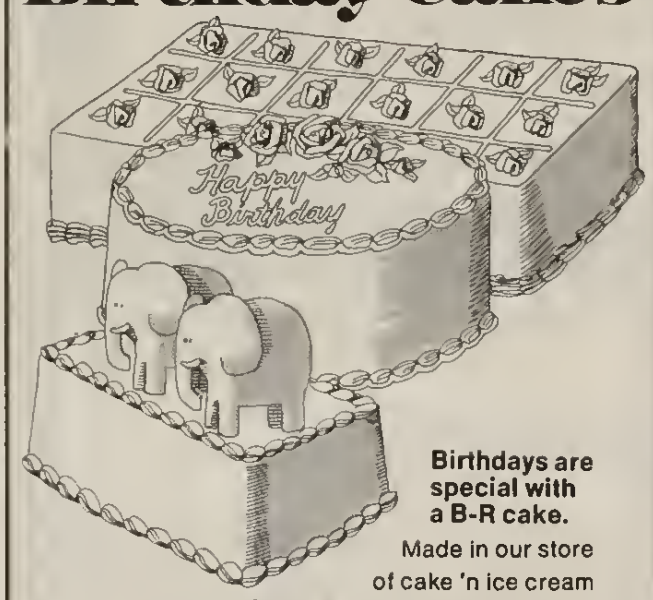

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Airplane Noise

The first meeting of the GPA Airplane Noise Committee was held on March 27. The guest speakers were Kathy Van Velsor and David Lilly, both members of the Board of San Francisco Tomorrow, an organization devoted to preserving the environment. Kathy is also an active member of AIR Force, Airport Impact Reduction Force, which, among other things, seeks to control airport expansion, adopt stronger noise regulations, prevent entry of the SST, and force compliance with environmental law.

The evening was packed with information. A few examples:

1) "Noise Shifting" is the term used for the airport's practice of shifting flight patterns from time to time to appease the communities that complain the loudest.

2) Contrary to widespread rumor, the San Francisco Airport is in debt.

3) Airport Commisioners want the S.F. Airport to be Number Two and they want the airport to expand to accommodate 31,000,000 annual passengers, as opposed to the present 24 million.

4) The noisy 707's and DC-8's could be retro-fitted to make them quieter, but the process is expensive.

5) When the FAA gives "route approval" for the entry of an aircraft, that particular carrier has the choice of landing in San Francisco, San Jose, or Oakland. They don't all have to land at SFO.

6) Some things can be done:

A) Keep records of flights -- day time direction, airline, etc.

B) Call Bay TRACON. Vincent Mellone has told us that airplanes pass over Glen Park only in inclement weather and in emergencies. If more planes seem to be strafing our neighborhood on sunny days, call Mellone at 562-1423 and tell him the exact time. If he claims that no flights passed over at the time you mention, tell him that you will have to report an unidentified flying object.

C) Call the Airport Noise Abatement Center, 876-2219, if you hear undue noise. Insist that your call be specifically recorded as a complaint. The Center will only record one complaint per person per month!

D) Help get a noise monitor in Glen Park. Since the FAA disclaims the accuracy of any portable monitor, we must convince the Noise Abatement Center to install a fixed one.

E) Write to Supervisor Dolson (Dist. 9) and Mayor George Moscone to ask for a hearing before the Supervisors' Health and Environment Committee.

F) Join the GPA's Health and Environment Committee. Call Mercina or Ruth, 585-5304.

Hokum at Home

One of the best forms that San Francisco street entertainment takes these days is the shtick that is Hokum W. Jeebs' Eccentric Musical Revue. From a loft high on a Laidley street hillside, on any given morning, Hokum may be serenading Glen Park with an array of musical instruments from tuba to children's toy piano.

The Eccentric Musical Revue is Professor Hokum W. Jeebs plus one large steamer trunk neatly packed with the following novel musical instruments -- miniature piano, one well-worn tuba, Sordino Desoto modified muffler, bell, kazoo, slide whistle, megaphone, plus many unidentified musical objects.

Hokum will perform and act as master of ceremonies for the GPA's 2nd annual fundraiser variety show May 20 & 21. Three other additional acts which will be featured on the playbill will be Whitney Brown and his Dog of Renown, Professor Gizmo and his one man band and Magician H.P. Lovecraft.

The fun event will mark the reopening of the renovated Theater in the Canyon at Glen Park. There will be two performances, Saturday evening May 20 and a Sunday afternoon matinee May 21. Tickets will be $3 for adults, $2 for children. Tickets will be available May 1.

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Key-Stumped Cops

On Monday afternoon, March 27 the GPA met with Captain Edmond Cassidy of the Ingleside Police Station, representatives of Rec and Park, Glen Canyon Park staff, and a number of other citizens concerned for Glen Park. The purpose of the meeting was to familiarize these groups with each other, bring up some continuing problems of great irritation to the neighborhood and then work at a coordinated effort toward a solution. Vandalism, motorcycles, drunk and disorderly conduct are damaging the park, leaving it less enjoyable for the majority who treat it with the respect this valuable community asset deserves.

The feeling among Glen Park residents was that more police presence in the park would be necessary to begin to alleviate the problem. Cassidy and his aide, Officer Ralph Fleig, seemed dutifully concerned but distant, contented to fend off attempts to gain commitment by serenading those assembled with the insurmountable problems already facing our Police Department. Cassidy told us, "We don't have the personnel. The men don't have time for routine patrol."

In addition to the manpower shortage, Fleig said a shortage of gate keys was an obstacle to patrol efforts in Glen Canyon. He said there wasn't enough copies of the key which would unlock the gate to allow patrol cars into the canyon. Assistant Superintendent of Parks, Leonard Fitzpatrick, stated that duplicates of keys were available upon request to the Police Department. No Shit Sherlock. After the meeting adjourned, those present were astonished with the indifference shown by Cassidy and Fleig.

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Beware of S.1437

by Pamela Hitchcock

The House Judiciary Subcommittee on Criminal Laws is continuing hearings on S.1437 (formerly S.1), a bill that rewrites and supposedly reforms all federal criminal laws. The Senate has already passed this bill.

S.1437 gives the Federal government increased power over our lives and threatens our right to free speech, free press and free assembly. It prohibits picketing or carrying a sign within 100 feet of any building used by a judicial official (Sect.1328). It makes physical interference or obstacle to a government function a crime. (Sect.1302) It prohibits giving out any information on where or how to obtain an abortion.

Other sections have been deliberately written so that the Federal government can intervene in strikes. S.1437 defines extortion as obtaining something of value from another person (this includes wages) by making that person fear that someone will suffer injury or that property will be damaged (Sect.1722). It defines blackmail so that subjecting an employer to economic loss or publicizing a true fact that might hurt their business reputation or subject them to ridicule could make a union guilty (Sect.1723).

The extremely broad wording of the bill severely threatens any political activity. For example, protests against building nuclear power plants could be called sabotage (Sect.1111). Any kind of draft counseling would be outlawed (Sect.1115), and by questioning our "sanity", Federal prosecutors could lock us up in "suitable facilities" for at least 15 days without a trial (Chapter 36B) during which time we would be subjected to "psychiatric treatment".

There are many more dangers in this 362-page bill. A nationwide petition campaign against S.1437 has begun and 11 representatives including John Burton and Ron Dellums, have introduced H.R.1066 asking the House Judiciary Committee to disapprove the bill and conduct full open hearings on criminal code reform.

Harvey Milk (Dist.5) and Carol Ruth Silver (Dist.6) have introduced a resolution into the National Affairs Committee of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors opposing this bill.

If you would like more information or want to join in the fight against S.1437/H.R.6869, contact the Bay Area Coalition to Stop S.1437, P.O.Box 5929, San Francisco, Ca. 94101, 626-3131.

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Park Advisory Council

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WANTED: Interested individual to compile a Glen Park Neighborhood history. A collection of pictures, posters, and newspaper clippings needs to be suitably arranged for library reference. Contact librarian Betty Siedhoff, 586-4144.

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